

## Virginia Sheriffs' Association

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Mr. Chris Essid Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness 9<sup>th</sup> Street Office Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor 202 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chris:

The Virginia Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association, voted to support the use of common language to replace most of the currently used 10-code system.

The Association understands the importance of effective communication especially during natural and manmade disasters and supports the use of minimum 10-codes to be used by law enforcement in mutual aid situations. The Virginia Sheriffs' Association joins with other statewide law enforcement organizations to support this change and request that your agency support the elimination of 10-codes for emergency operations.

Sincerely,

Raleigh/H. Isaacs, Sr., City of Suffolk President, Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Executive Director

John W. Jones